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1. EMBASSY REVIEW OF REF. A INDICATES NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN GOR EMIGRATION PROCEDURES DURING PAST YEAR. IN FACT, WITH REGARD TO PARAS 12 AND 13 OF REF. A., EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY COME INTO POSSESSION BN GOR PASSPORT OFFICE CHECKLIST OF 16 SEPARATE DOCUMENTS, MOST INVOLVING APPROVAL OF AUTHENTICATION, WHICH APPLICANT APPROVED FOR EMIGRATION MUST PRODUCE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE EXIT DOCUMENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS LIST, WHICH WAS POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (EUCMXEE-SILINS) ON MAY 26, IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE.

2. WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS TO SENATOR RIBICOFF (PARA 3, REF B), PLEASE NOTE THAT APPLICANT FOR EMIGRATION DOES APPLY AT PASSPORT OFFICE, WHILE APPLICANT FOR VISITOR'S PASSPORT MUST FIRST OBTAIN CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL (ADEVERINTA) FROM PLACE OF WORK BEFORE HE WILL BE RECEIVED AT PASSPORT OFFICE. OTHERWISE, EMBASSY
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CONCURS WITH GENERALLY EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS. (ESPECIALLY ONE OUTLINED IN PARA 4, REF B). WE WOULD ONLY ADD TWO ADDITIONAL POINTS: 1) IF AN APPLICATION FOR EMIGRATION IS DENIED, GOR SHOULD SUPPLY WRITTEN REASON FOR REFUSAL. 2) CURRENT PERIOD FOR RESPONSE ON ISIMO'S PASPORT IS TWO MONTHS. A LONGER PERIOD FOR RESPONSE ON EMIGRATION WOULD SEEM NOT UNREASONABLE --SAY U

VK&MONTHS.

3. COMMENT: WE TRUST THAT IN FOCUSING ON GOR EMIGRATION PROCEDURES SENATOR RIBICOFF WILL BEAR IN MIND THAT NO MATTER HOW CONSTRUCTIVE HIS APPROACH MAY BE (AND DESPITE AMBASSADOR NICOLAE'S WELCOME), IN LAST ANALYSIS INTERNAL ROMANIAN PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN IN GOR'S VIEW NO ONE'S BUSINESS BUT THEIR OWN, GIVEN THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO ENCOURAGE EMIGRATION AS A GENERAL PHENOMENON. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE NICOLAE'S STATEMENT SHOULD BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF AND SENATOR'S INTENTION TO FOCUS ON PROCEDURES FITS WELL WITH EMPHASIS WE HAVE BEEN MAKING FOR SOME TIME, ADMITTEDLY WITHOUT MUCH IN THE WAY OF RESULTS.
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